IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.SIRI JAGAN

FRIDAY, THE 25TH MAY 2007 / 4TH JYAISHTA 1929

WP(C).No. 7490 of 2007(N)

PETITIONER:

REEJAN THOMAS, AGED 26 YEARS,
S/O.THOMAS, MATHIRAPPILLY HOUSE, NERIKODU P.O.,
ERNAKULAM DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.A.X.VARGHESE
SRI.A.V.JOJO

RESPONDENTS:

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1. THE SECRETARY, COCHIN CORPORATION,
KOCHI.

2. THE REGISTRAR, COCHIN CORPORATION,
KOCHI, ERNAKULAM DISTRICT.

BY STANDING COUNSEL SRI.PRAVEEN JOY.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 25/05/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

S. SIRI JAGAN, J.

W.P.(C) No. 7490 of 2007

Dated this the 25th May, 2007.

J U D G M E N T

Standing Counsel, Sri.Praveen Joy, appears on behalf of the respondents.

2. The petitioner, Sri.Reejan Thomas, applied for correction of his name in the birth register. In the birth register, his name is entered as "Reigen". The same has been rejected by Ext.P4, on the ground that once a name has been entered in the register, the same cannot be corrected. This stand of the second respondent appears to be against the decision of this Court reported in ***Girijan v. Registrar of Births and Deaths*** *(2003 (2) KLT 22)*. From the very names, it is evident that the name entered in the Register of Birth is a mistake, on account of entering the spelling wrongly. That being so, the said mistake can certainly be corrected under Section 15 of the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, as held by this Court, in the above said decision.

3. In the above circumstances, I quash Ext.P4 and direct the second respondent to incorporate the correction of the petitioner's name in the Birth Register, as requested by the petitioner, provided, the petitioner complies with other procedures, if any, and issue a corrected birth certificate to the petitioner.

Writ Petition is allowed as above.

S. SIRI JAGAN,
JUDGE

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